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1. It is reported that all planning for interzonal trade by the Central Administration for Industry has come to a halt by order of the SMA. A large number of experts who had been working on these plans have been furloughed. At an employees' meeting, President Skrzypczynski said that further work depended on the clearing of the political situation after 20 October 1946 elections. Skrzypczynski called on the employees of the Central Administration to work together in harmony.
2. Dr. Suhr, the head of the Department of Trade and Handicrafts, objected to the demand for complete unity of the employees. Suhr claimed that such a situation would amount to "dictatorship, and dictatorship not by the people but by the hirelings of the mighty victor from the East"... "I know that my remarks will not please the gentlemen from the SMA here, but they will have to learn that Germany is almost at the end of its economic independence and, if the present dismantling continues, it can only continue to exist as a wage-worker (for foreign countries). It may be that most of the people sitting in responsible positions now are afraid to tell the victor the truth in order to save themselves, but everyone should have the courage to face the facts and make them clear to his superiors." Suhr's remarks were often interrupted by hissing and shouts. He finished with the words: "Ruling takes courage; unfortunately, that is missing in all the office holders today."
3. Skrzypczynski ended the discussion by telling the workers not to be misled by such dissenters but to form a clear picture for themselves of the progress made in the Soviet Zone.

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